

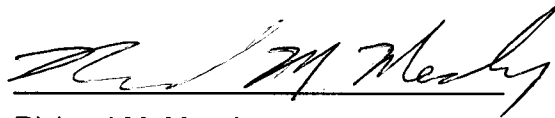
REMARKS:

Applicant has amended claims 1 to 11, cancelled claims 12 and 13, and added claims 14 and 15. Accordingly, claims 11 to 11 and 14 and 15 are now pending in the present application.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, Applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-2326.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard M. Mescher', written over a horizontal line.

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